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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN PROTESTERS DEPORTED

REFS: PRETORIA A-160, PRETORIA 4420

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT PARTY OF APPROXIMATELY 26 RHODESIANS WERE STOPPED BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE ON OCTOBER 21 AT NYLSTROOM, NORTH OF PRETORIA, AND DEPORTED BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT LATER THAT EVENING. RHODESIANS, WHO WERE TERMED "RIGHT-WINGERS", WERE REPORTEDLY COMING TO TALK TO SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL LEADERS ABOUT RHODESIAN SITUATION. MINISTER OF JUSTICE KRUGER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING SAG HAD INFORMATION THEY WERE COMING AS GUESTS OF HERSTIGTE NASIONALE PARTY (HNP) AND WOULD JOIN IN DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST GENEVA TALKS. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS "INOPPORTUNE TIME" FOR DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. HNP SPOKESMAN WAS QUICK TO CONDEMN DEPORTATION AND SAID
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MATTER WOULD NOT BE DROPPED. "THE PRICE THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO PAY IN POLITICAL TERMS WILL BE DEAR", HE SAID. RHODESIAN

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT MATTER HAD BEEN REPORTED TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND HE WOULD INVESTIGATE.

3. COMMENT: INCIDENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE USED BY VOCAL BUT CURRENTLY INEFFECTIVE HNP TO TRY TO STIR UP FEELINGS AGAINST SAG. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT REPERCUSSIONS IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL SENSE, BUT WHOLE MATTER INDICATES CONTINUED SAG DESIRE TO STAND FIRM ON WHAT IT VIEWS AS ITS COMMITMENTS ON RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT (SEE PRETORIA 4420).
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